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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Municipal courts provide citizens of the Lone Star
2 State a local forum where questions of law and fact can be resolved
3 with respect to alleged violations of state law and transgressions
4 against municipal ordinances; and

5 WHEREAS, Because municipal courts are the courts most
6 routinely experienced by Texans, both adults and juveniles, they
7 could be said to constitute the arm of government that is closest to
8 the greatest number of people; and

9 WHEREAS, Judges of the municipal courts function also as
10 magistrates for the State of Texas, and in doing so perform
11 functions including conducting inquests, issuing search and arrest
12 warrants, giving magistrate warnings, and setting bail for offenses
13 ranging from petty theft to capital murder; and

14 WHEREAS, Pledging to be impartial and conform to the
15 standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, the estimated
16 5,000 municipal court judges and court support personnel work
17 diligently to ensure the fair administration of justice while
18 upholding the rigorous standards of professionalism; and

19 WHEREAS, Municipal judges, clerks, court administrators,
20 bailiffs, and warrant officers continually strive to improve the
21 administration of justice through participation in judicial
22 education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of
23 their state and local professional organizations; and

24 WHEREAS, It is most appropriate to recognize the

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1 accomplishments of the 870 municipal courts in Texas and salute
2 their critical role in preserving public safety, protecting the
3 quality of life in Texas communities, and deterring future criminal
4 behavior; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby recognize November 3-7,
7 2003, as Municipal Courts Week and encourage widespread observation
8 of this important occasion.